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Congressman Dan Lungren, Representing California's Capital Region - 3rd District

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Dear Friend,

It is a privilege to serve as your representative for the 3rd Congressional District of California. In light of the controversy surrounding the recently introduced Senate immigration bill, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some thoughts on the issue of U.S. immigration policy. The United States Constitution in Article 1 Section 8 places the responsibility for the regulation of immigration with Congress. As a sovereign nation, we must meet this obligation and regain control over our borders.

To this end, I have introduced two bills in this Congress that deal with the challenges posed to our nation by illegal immigration.

The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2007 (H.R. 2413) was introduced on May 21, 2007. This legislation recognizes that real border security requires a realistic approach to de-magnetizing the attraction of unlawful employment in the United States. The bill would establish an employment verification system to provide the means of enforcing sanctions against employers who hire illegal aliens. The proposal would also authorize the funding for 6,000 additional border patrol officers and 1,000 workplace inspectors over the next two years. It would also provide for the expedited removal of illegal aliens.

Recent reports in the press have revealed a different legislative response to the challenge of illegal immigration. This so-called "Senate compromise" contains a controversial provision which would deem illegal immigrants living in the U.S. prior to January 1, 2007 as eligible for legalization. This proposal is simply too broad

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**Immigration Survey**

Please take a few moments to let us know your views on immigration:

Last week, a Senate compromise was reached relating to immigration policy. The deal would grant quick legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in

too broad.

By contrast, my bill would not provide amnesty.

Those who have broken our laws should not have a special path to citizenship. Accordingly, the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act would create a new status—a “blue card” if you will—that would allow those who have been here for more than five continuous years to apply for a program that would enable them to remain in the United States, to work here, and to travel in and outside of the country. Those who have established roots in our communities are in a far different situation than someone who has arrived here as recently as four months ago.

Moreover, my bill would not establish derivative immigration rights which would enable those who qualify for the program to bring their family members into the country. “Blue card” holders seeking Legal Permanent Resident Status with derivative immigration rights must return to their country of origin and apply like anyone else who seeks such status. Those who have violated the law must not be allowed to cut in front of the line ahead of those who have sought to obey our immigration laws.

Turning to the issue of the temporary worker program, I believe the Senate proposal should be tightened. Unlike my colleagues in the Senate, H.R. 2413 would be limited to the agricultural sector. My bill would establish 10 regions throughout the country in which temporary agricultural workers could be brought into the country through a program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

It is essential that we insure that those who work in a temporary worker program are in fact temporary. To further this objective, temporary agricultural workers would be admitted for a maximum period of ten months. Additionally, temporary workers must have financial incentives to return to their country of origin. In the period during which they are working in the U.S., a portion of their wages equal to what would normally be paid as social security taxes would be deducted from the wages of the temporary agricultural workers. This amount could only be collected upon return to the worker’s country of origin.

the U.S. It would also fortify the border. Do you believe this is a good compromise?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other

If other, please specify.

In my view, immigration reform is most urgently need in the area(s) of (check as many as apply):

- ☐ Border security
☐ Workplace enforcement
☐ Legal status for illegal aliens
☐ Employee verification
☐ Other

If you selected other, please let us know where you think immigration reform is most urgently needed.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on immigration reform.

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A second legislative proposal I have co-authored with my colleagues Nathan Deal and Brian Bilbray is the Birthright Citizenship Act (H.R. 1940). The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the State wherein they reside." The Birthright Citizenship Act states that a person born in the United States shall be considered 'subject to the jurisdiction' of the United States if born of parents, one of whom is a citizen or national of the U.S.; an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States whose residence is in the United States; or an alien performing active service in the armed forces. The children of those unlawfully present would not qualify for birthright citizenship.

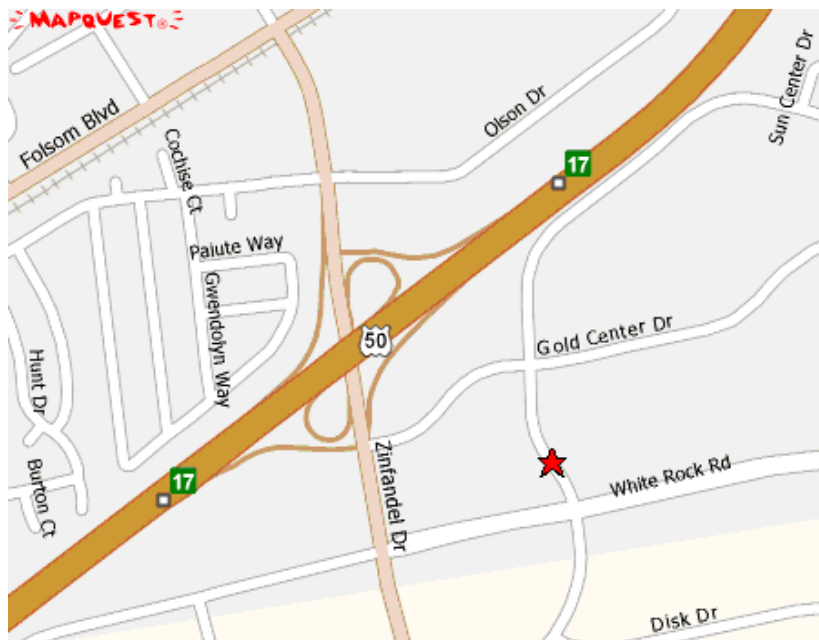
I welcome your feedback and look forward to seeing you at the Rancho Cordova Town Hall meeting on June 4!

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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